



Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) 2013/0415(COD) Regulation	Procedure completed
Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 2000/0030(CNS)	
Subject 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas	
Geographical area Moldova	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		16/12/2013
	Committee for opinion	S&D FAJON Tanja	
	AFET Foreign Affairs	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3303	14/03/2014
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	3298	03/03/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Migration and Home Affairs	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia	

Key events			
13/01/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/02/2014	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
13/02/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A7-0104/2014	Summary
27/02/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/02/2014	Debate in Parliament		
27/02/2014	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T7-0166/2014	Summary
14/03/2014	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
03/04/2014	Final act signed		
03/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/04/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/0415(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 2000/0030(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/7/14678

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2013)0853	27/11/2013	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE526.102	20/12/2013	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0104/2014	13/02/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0166/2014	27/02/2014	EP	Summary
Draft final act		00036/2014/LEX	03/04/2014	CSL	

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2014/259 OJ L 105 08.04.2014, p. 0009 Summary

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 lists the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders (the so-called negative list (Annex I) and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (the so-called positive list (Annex II)). As the criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 can evolve over time in relation to third countries, the composition of the negative and positive lists should be reviewed and amended when appropriate. Third countries for which the situation has changed as regards these criteria, should be transferred from one Annex to the other.

CONTENT: following successful negotiations between the EU and Moldova and taking into consideration the progress made by Moldova in its visa liberalisation dialogue during the last three years, the Commission proposes to transfer Moldova from the negative to the positive list, however with a limitation of this visa waiver to the holders of biometric passports issued by Moldova in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implication on the European Union budget.

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Tanja FAJON (S&D, SI) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

Following the positive outcomes of the Visa Dialogue, and keeping in mind that Moldova abolished visa obligations for all EU citizens in 2007, the committee recommended the European Parliament to adopt its position at first reading taking over the Commission proposal.

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

The European Parliament adopted by 460 votes to 40, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

PURPOSE: to amend [Regulation \(EC\) No 539/2001](#) to include Moldova in the positive list in that Regulation (Annex II of the Regulation being those countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement that they have a visa when crossing the external borders of Member States of the Union).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 259/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

BACKGROUND: Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 lists the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders (the negative list) and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (the positive list).

As the criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 can evolve over time in relation to third countries, the composition of the negative and positive lists should be reviewed and amended when appropriate. Third countries, for which the situation has changed as regards these criteria, should be transferred from one Annex to the other.

CONTENT: In line with the Joint Declaration approved at the Prague Eastern Partnership Summit on 7 May 2009, and the completion by the Republic of Moldova of its Visa Liberalisation Action Plan, Moldova meets all the benchmarks set out in the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan.

The Regulation transfers Moldavia from the negative list in Regulation 539/2001 to the positive list, with a limitation of the visa waiver to the holders of biometric passports issued by Moldova in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

Territorial provisions: the United Kingdom and Ireland are not taking part in the adoption of the Regulation and are not bound by it or subject to its application.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 28.04.2014.